

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP2004/052719

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-9

Magnetic encoder system

2. claims: 10,11

Method for fabricating a magnetic encoder disk

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